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WEATHER

High: 80
Low: 69

Forecast, 12B

COMING SUNDAY

The art of the party

Even if you're not an Art Basel a-lister, you can still mix with the creative crowd.

NCAA TITLE FIGHTS

Previews, 1C

ACC: Malik Rosier leads the UM Hurricanes at Clemson at 8 p.m. ▼

◀ CONFERENCE USA: Motor Singletary and the FAU Owls host North Texas at noon.

SPORTS

St. Thomas loses

Aquinas upended by Venice in Class 7A state semifinal. 6C

Fisher drops FSU

Coach leaves Seminoles for major contract with SEC's Texas A&M. 1C

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Inside this weekend's inserts

Fired prof derides slain boy's parents

Sandy Hook denier suing to get back his job at FAU

By PAULA McMAHON
Staff writer

It wasn't his conspiracy theory blog, his public feud with the parents of a murdered 6-year-old or his chapter in the book "Nobody Died at

Sandy Hook: It Was a FEMA Drill to Promote Gun Control" that got James Tracy fired, say attorneys for Florida Atlantic University.

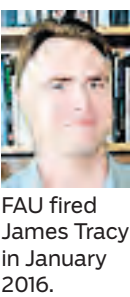
But Tracy, who is suing to get back his job as a tenured professor, was questioned about all of that Friday during his second day testifying in his free speech trial in federal court in West Palm Beach.

Some of his feud with Lenny and

Veronique Pozner — whose son, Noah, was one of the 26 children and teachers who died in the December 2012 mass shooting — played out on the editorial pages of the South Florida Sun Sentinel.

After the newspaper published a December 2015 letter from the couple saying their pain had been com-

See TRACY, 10A



Flynn admits to lying to FBI

Russia investigation deepens as ex-adviser agrees to cooperate

By CHRIS MEGERIAN, DAVID S. CLOUD AND DAVID WILLMAN
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The investigation into Russian meddling in last year's election spread to the White House for the first time Friday as President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his contacts with the Russian ambassador and agreed to help investigators as they focus on other presidential aides.

U.S. District Court Judge Rudolph Contreras said the retired Army general had agreed to provide "substantial assistance for prosecution of another person," giving special counsel Robert Mueller a critical leg up as he pursues the case.

The documents don't identify who that person is. But a former official identified



Flynn

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JUST COASTING?
WATER TAXIS ARE FOR YOU



AMY BETH BENNETT/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Captain Zoltan Varju measures the height of the boat and dock. The Pompano Beach taxi will open to the public Dec. 13.

New Pompano service lets riders transfer south to Hallandale Beach

By ANNE GEGGIS
Staff writer

A new water taxi service will allow you to sightsee from the mansions in Lighthouse Point to the condo canyons of Hallandale Beach.

But be prepared for a leisurely tour — between transfers and wait times, it will take you a full day to do so, the

service's operators say.

The Pompano Beach Water Taxi will open to the public Dec. 13, offering an hourlong cruise with 11 stops from Lighthouse Point to Bokampers in Fort Lauderdale. Day trippers and pub crawlers can keep heading south by transferring to the Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi, which makes six stops in an hour before arriving at the Hilton

Fort Lauderdale Marina.

Want to go further? You can go six more stops down Fort Lauderdale's New River, or take the 45-minute "Margaritaville Express" that ends up in Hollywood. From there, take another boat for another 45-minute cruise to Hallandale Beach.

See TAXI, 10A

Man shot dead in traffic confrontation

A tractor-trailer driver with a knife died at the hands of a gun-wielding motorist on a Palmetto Expressway ramp in what authorities are calling a road rage incident. Story, 1B.

YOUR NATION, YOUR WORLD

Conyers' resignation rests on health

Michigan Rep. John Conyers, embroiled in a sex scandal, said he won't base decision on political pressure. 2A

'Tunnel rats' go after drug smugglers

U.S. Border Patrol plays hide-and-seek with cartels who use sophisticated tunnels to get drugs out of Mexico. 4A

NOTE TO READERS: FIND YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS SECTION NOW IN YOUR PARADE MAGAZINE WEEKEND PACKAGE.

SEC lawsuit: 'Spongebuddy' was \$5.4M fraud

Head of Lauderdale firm says he's unaware of filing

By MARCIA HEROUX POUNDS
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Two operators of a Fort Lauderdale company that developed "Spongebuddy," a sponge-like cleaning glove, are being sued by the

Securities and Exchange Commission for allegedly defrauding elderly investors.

The SEC's complaint, filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, alleges Joseph A. Rubbo, 54, and his sister, Angela Beckcom Rubbo Monaco, 45, with defrauding investors through penny stock offerings by their companies VIP TV LLC, VIP Television Inc., and

The Spongebuddy LLC, originally located in Fort Lauderdale and Oakland Park. Both are residents of Coral Springs.

The SEC also alleged that company associate Steven J. Dykes, 61, of Fort Lauderdale, violated broker-dealer registration provisions.

A few days before the SEC's com-

See SEC, 10A

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Hours

Sun., Dec. 03	11am - 7pm	Mon., Dec. 18 - Wed., Dec. 20	9am - 10pm
Mon., Dec. 04 - Sat., Dec. 09	10am - 9pm	Thur., Dec. 21 - Sat., Dec. 23	8am - 11pm
Sun., Dec. 10	10am - 9pm	Sun., Dec. 24	8am - 6pm
Mon., Dec. 11 - Wed., Dec. 13	10am - 9pm	Mon., Dec. 25	CLOSED
Thur., Dec. 14 & Fri., Dec. 15	10am - 10pm	Tues., Dec. 26 - Sat., Dec. 30	10am - 9pm
Sat., Dec. 16	9am - 10pm	Sun., Dec. 31	10am - 6pm
Sun., Dec. 17	9am - 8pm	Mon., Jan. 01	12pm - 6pm

December 9th
Breakfast with Santa at
Brio 9am-11am
(Reservations Required)

December 13th
Milk & Cookies with Santa at
Barnes & Noble 6pm-8pm

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